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SENATE BILL

No. 924

Introduced by Senator Karnette

February 21, 2003

An act to add and repeal Chapter 4.8 (commencing with Section 2195) of Division 3 of the Streets and Highways Code, relating to transportation.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 924, as amended, Karnette. Global Gateways Development Council.

Existing law provides that the Department of Transportation has full possession and control of all state highways. Existing law requires the department to engage in various transportation planning activities, including activities related to identification of intermodal corridors of economic significance.

This bill, until January 1, 2011, would ~~create~~ *establish* the Global Gateways Development Council in ~~state government~~ *the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency*, with 8 members appointed by the Legislature, in order to review and collect data and information concerning the needs of commercial transportation and to advise the Legislature, the department, the California Transportation Commission, and regional transportation planning agencies in that regard. *The bill would provide that the council may be convened only after a determination by the Department of Finance that nonstate funds in an amount sufficient to fully support the activities of the council have*

been deposited with the state. The bill would require the council to report annually to the Legislature and the Governor on the condition of California's goods movement transportation system and would authorize the council to accept grants from various sources. The bill would also authorize the council to employ support staff.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. The Legislature finds and declares all of the
2 following:

3 (a) In August 2000, the Legislature approved Senate
4 Concurrent Resolution 96 which requested that the Business,
5 Transportation and Housing Agency and the Department of
6 Transportation report to the Legislature about the status of
7 California's global trade infrastructure.

8 (b) Pursuant to SCR 96, the Business, Transportation and
9 Housing Agency, in January 2002, released a plan for enhancing
10 California's commercial transportation infrastructure entitled
11 "Global Gateways Development Program."

12 (c) The Global Gateways Development Program report states
13 that "improving goods movement is critical to the California
14 economy, where more than one in seven jobs is tied to trade and
15 the value of international trade exceeds \$350 billion annually" and
16 "goods movement is an economic and transportation priority that
17 requires concerted action."

18 (d) Many other states have created single-state or multistate
19 freight advisory boards or commissions intended to improve
20 communication between commercial transportation industry
21 leaders and transportation decisionmakers with regard to funding
22 and project challenges concerning commercial transportation,
23 including Oregon and Washington.

24 (e) In order to ensure that California's commercial
25 transportation infrastructure continues to meet the needs of the
26 California state, national and international trade economy, the
27 state must facilitate coordination and cooperation between the
28 commercial transportation industry and transportation
29 decisionmakers at all levels of government.



SEC. 2. Chapter 4.8 (commencing with Section 2195) is added to Division 3 of the Streets and Highways Code, to read:

CHAPTER 4.8. GLOBAL GATEWAYS DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

2195. (a) There is hereby ~~created in state government established in the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency~~ the Global Gateways Development Council, *which shall be convened pursuant to this chapter only after a determination by the Department of Finance that nonstate funds, including private funds, in an amount sufficient to fully support the activities of the council, have been deposited with the state.* The purpose of the council shall be to review and collect data and to advise the Legislature, the department, the California Transportation Commission, and regional transportation planning agencies concerning the needs of commercial transportation in California. The activities of the council are intended to contribute to maintaining the state's strategic advantage through improved decisionmaking and prudent and adequate investment. The council shall report annually to the Legislature and the Governor on the condition of California's goods movement transportation system.

(b) The council may accept grants from federal, ~~state~~, or local public agencies, or from private sources, in order to assist it in carrying out its duties and functions under this chapter. The council may employ support staff. ~~State offices, departments, or agencies may provide assistance regarding council activities.~~

2195.1. The Global Gateways Development Council shall consist of eight members. The Senate Committee on Rules and the Speaker of the Assembly shall each appoint four members to the council. The appointees shall be representatives of the commercial transportation sector and shall include, but not be limited to, representatives of the maritime industry, the rail industry, the trucking industry, seaports, multimodal shipping firms, and commercial transportation labor organizations. The council may appoint an advisory group comprised of representatives of the commercial transportation sector to assist with activities of the council.

2195.2. Members of the Global Gateways Development Council and the advisory group shall ~~receive no reimbursement for~~

1 ~~per diem or travel~~ *serve without compensation, and no state funds*
2 *may be used to compensate the members for expenses.*
3 2195.3. This chapter shall remain in effect only until January
4 1, 2011, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted
5 statute, that is enacted before January 1, 2011, deletes or extends
6 that date.

